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Romain Trapp, president and CEO of Airbus Helicopters, with Luc Pilon owner of Niagara Helicopters, announced their new partnership during a press conference at Airbus Helicopters in Fort Erie Tuesday. Airbus Helicopters unveiled four new H130 aircrafts that will replace Niagara Helicopter's current fleet.

New partnership takes flight

Romain Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The unveiling of four new state-of-the-art aircrafts solidified a partnership between Airbus Helicopters Canada and Niagara Helicopters.

"This is a historic

moment," said Romain Trapp, president and chief executive officer of Airbus Helicopters. "We've gone above and beyond to make the impossible possible."

Airbus Helicopters and Niagara Helicopter celebrated their new partnership during a press conference at

Airbus Helicopters in Fort Erie Tuesday.

Airbus Helicopters unveiled four new H130 aircrafts that will replace Niagara Helicopter's current fleet.

The aircrafts will be used for sightseeing, aerial surveillance and charter flight.

Trapp said the new helicopters are the quietest helicopter on the market and will reduce noise by 50%. Its Fenestron tail rotor and automatic variable rotor speed control result in a significantly reduced external sound.

The H130 is a light single-engine helicopter with "all of the latest aircraft technology and a comfortable cabin" that can accommodate up to seven passengers and a pilot.

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New H130 helicopters will replace Niagara Helicopters' fleet

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"A helicopter of this type takes about 12 months to complete from start to finish," Trapp said.

"We've been working on this partnership with Niagara Helicopter for a long, long time and we're thankful we've been able to build four new helicopters to

replace Niagara Helicopters' fleet."

Anna Pierce, vice president and general manager of Niagara Helicopters, said the new

aircrafts will enhance customers' safety and experience while reducing noise for Niagara Falls residents.

"(These new aircrafts) are significant for us because we have been talking to Airbus Helicopters for years about switching our fleet," Pierce said. "Because Airbus is local, it makes life easier because they are right down the street from us."

Niagara Helicopters has been offering sighting seeing tours in Niagara Falls for more than 50

years. Last year, Pierce said the company took 100,000 passengers on sightseeing tours over the Niagara Falls.

"We serve people that come from all around the world and we're very fortunate to have such an iconic location," Pierce said.

Niagara Helicopters is "lucky to have an important partner like Airbus Helicopters."

"This is an ongoing partnership that includes maintenance. Traditionally, we've had to go as far as Calgary or Montreal for repairs. This is a real cost savings."

Airbus Helicopters was established in Fort Erie in 1984 and has additional operations in Richmond, British Columbia and Montreal and Quebec. The company has a support and customer service network in place to support a fleet of over 690 helicopters in the country.

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Team Poppa raises money for ALS research

Friends and family are participating in the Niagara Region Walk for ALS at Lakeside Park in memory of Fort Erie's Herbert Dunseith. Dunseith lost his battle with ALS on May 31. His loved ones have formed Team Poppa and have raised money in his honour. Proceeds from the event will support the ALS Society of Canada. The event will be held in Port Dalhousie on June 6 at 9 a.m. For more information visit www.als.ca.

Celebrating 90 years

The United Church of Canada is celebrating its 90th anniversary and United Church congregations are invited to ring their church bells 90 times at 10:30 a.m. on June 10. The congregations of St. John's Church in Stevensville and People's Memorial United Church

in Ridgeway will participate in the event by ringing their church bells 90 times.

The United Church of Canada came into being on Wednesday, June 10, 1925. The inaugural service began at 10:30 a.m.

Man charged in break-ins

A Fort Erie man is in custody following a police investigation into a break-in that occurred last Monday.

Niagara Regional Police say officers responded to a break-in on Dunlop Rd. in Fort Erie. Police discovered there was a second break-in nearby and used police dogs to track down a suspect.

Wren Ware, 20, of Fort Erie is charged with two counts of break and enter and two counts of possessions of property obtained by crime under \$5,000.

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From the gardener's journal: 'Let's make eating fresh vegetables our goal'

Ruth Vold Markle
Special to The Times

Home sweet home. But I am missing my kids. Those are the conflicts we face when we travel. We had such a wonderful time and saw so many lovely things, beautiful places and so enjoyed the time spent with our adult children. And home is sweet, but it is not full of the kids anymore.

So many of you know this sense of loss and gain all at once.

I have been asked "what was the favorite thing?" My daughter-in-law asked me that on the last day. I had to reply: 'seeing your smiling faces.' That is no exaggeration—no flattery—no matter what you see and where you go...seeing your own is always the best.

So home to weeds and plantings and catching up on responsibilities. And aren't we having the best weather for outside chores? Gone are the memories of shivering winter and cool spring—forgiven the late cool and frost—now we seize each day and say happily, 'isn't this a lovely day?'

Each spring and early summer I am most impressed with the care we give our outdoor spaces. I see this year is no exception. Each drive along the Lake or River demonstrates the special flair we have for choosing a design for the weather. Good on us! I know many participate in Communities in Bloom. This looks like our year.

And how are your vegetables growing? A few years ago I switched to containers as I discovered that Peter Rabbit and his friends did not find those as appealing as the garden space. Right now on my deck I have a huge squash

plant and super red pepper glowing! My salad bowl garden has so far remained untouched. And soon I will be enjoying those tomatoes! When I left there were no blossoms and I return to full and thriving growth! It does appear to be magic after all...

Thanks to all of you who supported the Veggie Plus Sale at the High School and the plant sale from our club in May. Not only do you encourage the students who do the work all winter, but also you demonstrate how vital having a greenhouse program is for the high school. I encourage you to connect with the mayor or school trustee and encourage them to have a greenhouse in the new school. As a community we benefit greatly from this access.

A thought from

Scotland. I observed how important fresh and healthy food is to the Scots. For many years, far too many—they were poor as a nation and so had to use whatever they had on hand to live. Times are better now

and there is great emphasis on growing vegetables, and healthy meals. Everywhere we travelled there were places with healthy home cooking. Few, very few fast food options. As a whole the

children and adults are very healthy and strong—a combination of excellent exercise and excellent food. As much as we can, let's make the eating of more fresh vegetables our goal. And then let's aim to hike or

walk more in the lovely weather. If you don't have space to grow, then please use the community gardens. Until next time, keep growing.

Ruth Vold Markle is a member of the Fort Erie Horticulture Club

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Point of View

Nothing new here as FIFA defends itself

Just when you thought you had seen it all in the world of political corruption, last week took the cake.

No, we are not talking about Ottawa or Washington.

We're talking FIFA.

FIFA is the governing body of the world's most popular sport — soccer.

FIFA actually boasts more power — and member states — than the United Nations, if you can believe that.

FIFA is controlled by a handful of power brokers — royalty, ex-star players, bankers, politicians — and for 20 years, headed up by Switzerland's Sepp Blatter.

That FIFA has a culture of corruption is not a new allegation.

Almost a quarter-century ago, the minders at FIFA realized that the one-member, one-vote structure was lucrative for those handing out favours.

The only thing standing in the way was UEFA, European's soccer royalty and arguably just as corrupt at times.

So stunningly, World Cups started getting awarded to non-traditional nations: Japan and South Africa first, then South Africa, and now Qatar.

Russia and the small Arab nation were awarded the 2018 and 2022 Cups simultaneously in unprecedented fashion, and the

suspicion is it was all bought and paid for.

Just prior to last week's vote in which Blatter sought to keep his crown, tarnished though it is, the FBI, with co-operation from Swiss authorities, busted the five-star hotel FIFA brass calls home and arrested seven high-ranking officials on allegations of bribery, corruption, racketeering, money laundering and probably some unpaid parking tickets.

The evidence is mounting. That you would award the world's largest sporting event — yes, it is bigger than the Olympics — to a tiny Arab nation where the average temperature is about 50 C, and event stadiums are being built with slave migrant labour, shows the world's beautiful game at its ugliest.

Meanwhile, Canada reads to host the Women's World Cup starting Saturday, and our team is pretty good.

Let's hope we are not tarnished with the ugly FIFA brush in the way we host. We are a country that has enjoyed huge growth in the game, especially among women — despite Blatter's comments that the best way to grow the female game was tighter shorts.

Really.

—Postmedia Network

Do you remember?



Last week's photo of the wrestlers featured referee David Langhorne, a physical education teacher at Westlane Secondary School in Niagara Falls.

Our thanks to Gary Barrett for calling in to identify his former teacher. Gary also told us that the photo would have been taken in the 1970s.

This week's photo has Bob Chambers' name written on the back with a date stamp of June 23, 1976.

If you know which one Bob is or anyone else in the photo, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca.

Letter to the Editor

No end to liberal mismanagement

Is there no end to the constant horrific mismanagement that the inept Liberal party shows day after day?

Our education system in Ontario is forever in chaos. As is usual, teacher unions use our children in their never-ending demands that few could ever hope for in the private sector.

Every government department con-

tinually places demands on the backs of ordinary citizens, and as usual the Liberals give in. Gas plants, e-health, MaRS, Orage, hydro costing thousands of jobs. Think Greece, as they did the same thing by allowing government workers to continually take more and more.

Surely unless the Liberal government comes to its senses and quits carving into the endless public sector greed, our future is grim.

Doug Standish Niagara Falls



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Library offers collection of books about Dr. Martin Luther King

The movie *Selma* is the story of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s leadership of the historic struggle to secure voting rights for all people in the United States with a protest march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in 1965.

David Oyelowo plays the civil rights leader in this dramatic biographical film, which will be offered this evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch of the Fort Erie Public Library. For background on the civil rights movement in the U.S., read Judgment days: Lyndon Baines Johnson, Martin Luther King, Jr., and the laws that changed America by Nick Kotz.

Biographies of Dr. King may be found in both children's and adult collections, with the most recent being *Through it All: reflections on my life, my family, and my faith by Christine King Farris, sister of the slain leader.*

Did you know that Dr. King once gave a series of Massey Lectures in Toronto? In *The Lost Massey Lectures: recovered classics from five great thinkers* is possible to read King's lectures originally delivered in November, 1967, just a few months before his assassination. All of these books are in the library collection, found at our website www.fepi.ca.

What memories do you



Fort Erie Public Library
Amy Roebuck

want to leave for your children and grandchildren, or get from our older parents and other relatives, while you can? Abbey Stansfield, who holds a Master's degree in Museum Studies, will be talking about family legacies—not of money, but of memories—when she visits the Centennial branch of the library next Wednesday, June 10, beginning at 2 p.m. We encourage everyone with an interest in family history to attend this free program.

Abbey will offer advice on what to keep and how to keep it, how to create an oral history before it is too late, and the best ways to preserve artifacts and mementoes.

Stansfield's web site is www.modernmemory.ca. For more help with your own story, try Sharon Carmack's *You Can Write your Family History and Publish your Family History: preserving your heritage* in a book by the Toronto Genealogical Society.

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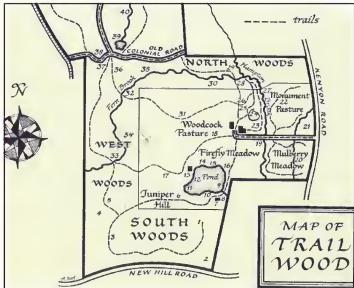
in a one day course presented by members of St. John Ambulance at the Centennial branch of the library on Friday, June 12.

Participants will learn to care for infants, toddlers, school-aged children and themselves as they gain skills in babysitting, leadership and first aid. Pre-registration is required, and may be made by calling 905-356-7340. Space is limited to 18 participants, so please call soon.

A "Home Alone" course for ages eight and up will be offered on Friday, June 26 at the Crystal Ridge branch. The same telephone number should be used for registration for Home Alone.

Jim Parsons, Rihanna, Steve Martin and Jennifer Lopez use their voice talents in *Home*, the newest animated fantasy-comedy adventure, which will be screened at the Centennial branch this Saturday, June 6, at 2:30 p.m., and next Wednesday, June 10, at 3:30 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch. A resourceful girl named Tip and a banished alien named Oh go on the road trip of a lifetime when the Boovs take over the Earth and relocate the pesky humans. All movies at the library are \$3 admission.

Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.



A map of Trail Wood

Humorous view of nature captured in fellow nature lover's journal

I came to like Ed Teale's various views of nature. There is a humorous June anecdote.

Ed Teale, great naturalist of Trail Wood, Connecticut, wrote a daily record of his nature observations for a full year. Here is part of his June 10th log in.

I will probably I will never do it again. Certainly I have never done it before. I have just pulled a chipmunk's tail. It is hard to say which of us—the chipmunk or I—is more surprised.

It has happened this way. Leaving the pasture as we come home (wife) Nellie and I draw near to the apple tree beside the terrace wall overlooking the slope to Hampton Brook, #24 on map.

From a lower limb we have suspended half of a coconut shell to hold



When Nature Calls
Earl Plato



A chipmunk

sunflower seeds for chickadees and nut-hatches for the winter.

This year we have continued feeding into June—a fact that has not escaped the eye of one of our chipmunks.

As I draw close I notice that its head is invisible, thrust down inside the shell. But its tail is hanging down on the outside.

On an impulse I creep silently toward it. Never expecting to succeed in my intention I give the hanging tail a little tug, the chipmunk blasts out

of the shell scattering the sunflower seeds.

Its wild leap into space carries it to the grass below. There it bolts away and vanishes in a crevice on the wall. In all the long history of Trail Wood it no doubt will be the only chipmunk ever to have its tail pulled by a man.

Note: We walked this same area above a few years ago. Marvellous seeing. We will share more of Teale's anecdotes in the months ahead.

Earl Plato is a resident of Fort Erie, historian and nature lover.



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Deris Morris Catholic High School students perform "It's Your Wedding Day" from the musical The Wedding Singer at the Cappies awards, which was nominated for Best Musical and Best Song.

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A look back at the week in Niagara

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Ridley College students perform an excerpt from Ascension Day, which was nominated for Best Play.



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Leighanna Fischer from Beamsville District Secondary School performs "In My Own Little Corner" from the musical Cinderella.



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Saying goodbye to Ridgeway Public School

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Leo Bearss, 94, has said goodbye to his alma mater.

Bearss was among many people, including students, alumni, current and former staff, that attended the Ridgeway Public School Closing Celebration Saturday in Ridgeway.

Bearss, who attended Ridgeway Public School from 1926 to 1934, said he is sad to see the school closed, and a new school built in its place.

Ridgeway Public School will close its doors for the final time when the school

year ends this month. A new school will be built, combining students from Bertie Public School, Crystal Beach Public School and Ridgeway Public School. The new school will open in time for September 2016.

"It is amazing to see the school now and to see all of the generations that have attended," he said.

Bearss is part of four generations who have attended the school including his son, Larry Bearss, his granddaughter Kristen Kennedy and his great grandchildren, Maddox and Anna Kennedy.

"We are proud to be part of four generations of our family that have attended," Larry Bearss said.

In honour of the celebration, staff and students dug up an old time capsule that was buried underneath the school's 400-pound cornerstone in 1994.

Inside, the school's principal, Sherry Storey-Perchalluk, found old photographs, homework, collector's cards, letters and newspaper articles.

Ridgeway Public School first opened in September 1920, with Arthur M. Woodley as its first principal.

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Sarah Ferguson/Fort Erie Times

Leo Bearss, 94, and his family have four generations of children that attended Ridgeway Public School. From left, is Leo Bearss, his son, Larry Bearss, with Beth Griger, Maddox Kennedy, Anna Kennedy and a photo of Leo's granddaughter Kristen Kennedy.

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We already know that sugar is bad for your teeth. Furthermore, the sugar is also pretty harmful to your body as it contributes to obesity, diabetes and other systemic conditions.

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There are number of different kinds of sugar substitutes. Some are natural; some are artificial. All of the well-known sugar substitutes are good at preventing tooth decay as bacteria cannot utilize them for energy. However, these sugar substitutes may not help you with



Dr. John Inigo

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Xylitol is so similar to sugar

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You can get it from dental offices that carry it. The only downside is that it is more expensive and not readily available. You do have to do some searching. But in the end, I can assure you it will be worth it.

Dr. John Inigo is a practicing general dentist in Fort Erie and Ridgeway, Ontario. He can be reached at Inigo Bertie Dentistry, 905-871-2903 or Inigo Ridgeway Dentistry, 905-894-5555.

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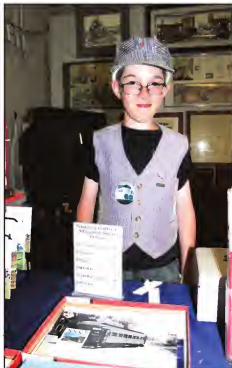


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Ten-year-old Nolan Currie volunteered to greet guests at the Niagara Railway Museum open house held Saturday and Sunday.



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The Niagara Railway Museum opened the doors of its former 1951 Canadian National diesel repair shop Saturday and Sunday in Fort Erie.

Museum opens door into Niagara's railway history

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Members of the Niagara Railway Museum have opened the doors to Niagara's railway past.

The public was invited to a two-day open house at the former 1951 Canadian National Railway diesel repair shop this past weekend.

(Saturday) was one of the busiest days we've ever had. I don't know what the head count was, but in the first two hours of the day, we were busier than both days (during an open house) last

May," said Niagara Railway Museum president Ken Jones.

The event featured railway motorcars, steam, diesel and electric locomotives, model trains, photographs and artifacts.

Jones said volunteers were scrambling until the very last minute before the doors to the museum were opened Saturday morning. Preparing the displays "is no small task," according to Jones.

"We've all worked very hard. My dad, (Ken Jones Sr.) has been working all last week for five to six hours a

day," Jones said.

"We have had a lot of great comments from visitors and even had at least four former employees (from Canadian National Railway) stop by which isn't common."

Jones said he is proud of a

40-foot steel box car that was transported by transport truck to the museum in October. Inside the box car, volunteers displayed a number of artifacts including old lanterns, pictures and other items.

"It was great to have the

display car set up and open for people to see, and the work that has been done inside the two locomotive cabs to let people inside was a bit hit as well."

The museum will be open on Saturdays and

Sundays during the month of July. For more information about the Niagara Railway Museum, which aims to preserve and promote railway heritage in Niagara, visit www.nfrm.ca.

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Organization reminds public to stay safe and wear helmets

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Bicycle helmets may not be fashionable do they save lives.

"Kids will be out of school soon, they will be out on their bikes riding and it's important that they wear a helmet," said program director Donna Summerville.

June is Brain Injury Awareness Month and Summerville wants to remind children and adults that it is important they wear helmets when operating a bicycle, riding a skateboard or scooter or rollerblading.

"Helmets aren't 100% but they are the best thing we have. They can save lives and prevent concussions."

Summerville said every cyclist under the 18 is required by law to wear a helmet.

Properly fitted helmets shouldn't be loose or wiggle when they are worn. When fitting a child with a helmet, Summerville said the rule of thumb is between the front of the helmet and the child's eyebrow should fit the length of two fingers, the straps should make a nice v on either side of the ear

and not cover over the ear and there should be room for one finger to fit under the chin between chin and strap.

Many people also don't realize that helmets have an expiry date and should be replaced. Each helmet should have a sticker on the inside of it that states the date a helmet was produced to remind people when it's time to get a new helmet.

"Usually, when the helmet becomes faded or the foam starts to crack, it's definitely time to get a new helmet."

If parents want to learn more about helmet safety, Summerville said they are encouraged to call the Head Injury Association of Fort Erie. The non-profit organization, which serves more than 100 clients, advocates on behalf of individuals who have acquired a brain injury and their families. The organization also promotes prevention and public awareness for brain injuries.

For more information about helmet safety call the Head Injury Association of Fort Erie at 905-871-7789.

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Brandon Pearson, team coordinator for Brain Injury Community Re-Entry, and Donna Summerville, encourage the public to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.



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Sealed tenders clearly marked as to content will be received by Laura Bubanko, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk, Municipal Centre, Fort Erie, Ontario until 2:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME on:

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A public bid opening is scheduled to commence immediately afterwards on the above date, at Fort Erie Town Hall - Meeting Room No. 3.

The Town of Fort Erie posts all formal competitive bid opportunities on the Town's Bidding Landing Page www.biddinggo.com/forterie.

Alternatively, on Wednesday, June 3, 2015,

- Bid documents may be purchased from the Infrastructure Services - Engineering Department located at Town Hall on payment of twenty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents (\$28.25) in non-refundable cash or cheque made payable to The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie or;
- The tender may be viewed at the Niagara Construction Association, 34 Scott Street, St. Catharines, Ontario,

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THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH, 2015

A public bid opening is scheduled to commence immediately afterwards on the above date, at Fort Erie Town Hall - Meeting Room No. 3.

The Town of Fort Erie posts all formal competitive bid opportunities on the Town's Bidding Landing Page www.biddinggo.com/forterie.

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The 11th annual Springfest, hosted by the Stevensville Kinsmen, Kinettes and Stevensville Volunteer Firefighters Association will be held Saturday, June 6 at Memorial Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thea Lockwood, of Headshades Barbershop and Family Hair Salon, will be cutting men's hair for \$10 per person to raise money for a new gazebo at memorial park. Beside her is Stevensville Kinettes media coordinator Lori Dawn Antaya.

Stevensville welcomes spring season

**Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times**

Spring is here and it's time to celebrate.

The Stevensville Kinsmen and Kinettes, along with the Stevensville Volunteer Firefighter Association are hosting the 11th annual Stevensville Springfest on Saturday, June 6.

"The event is very family oriented and there is something for every age group," said Kinettes media coordinator Lori Dawn Antaya.

"The dunk tank is back again and the pancake breakfast is always huge."

Springfest will be held at Memorial Hall between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and feature more than 40 craft and food vendors, cartoon characters, live music performed by strolling banjo player Don Johnson and Bryce Moore, a penny table, silent auction, bouncing room, face painting, a fish pond, games, mini train rides, a fire

truck display, antique and classic cars and an antique power display. The pancake breakfast will be held at United Brethren Church from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m.

All of the proceeds will support community projects such as improving Memorial Park.

Thea Lockwood, of Headshades Barbershop and Family Hair Salon, will be cutting men's hair. The cost will be \$10 per person.

Lockwood said she would donate all of the money she receives to help the Kinettes build a gazebo.

"The Stevensville splash pad is an asset to the area and a gazebo will make it more inviting for parents and children."

Antaya said volunteers are still needed to assist during Springfest. For more information e-mail Antaya at lan-taya@cogeco.ca.

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Stevensville Kinettes challenge Fort Erie to show Canadian pride

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie could become known as the most patriotic municipality in Ontario.

Stevensville Kinettes member Martha Lockwood said she'd like to see a "sea of red and white" on Canada Day.

The Stevensville Kinettes have issued a challenge to all residents to display one or more Canadian flags on July 1.

For last few years, Stevensville Kinettes member Linda Houser said the City of Thorold has challenged its residents to display flags on the country's birthday.

"I've seen on the news Thorold residents put out flags all throughout the town. I don't know if they hold a record, but they (Thorold residents) call themselves the most patriotic town in the province," Houser said.

"It was absolutely beautiful, all of the flags around town."

This year, Houser wanted to see Fort Erie show its Canadian pride.

Last year, Thorold residents displayed 6,800 flags on Canada Day.

"We'd like to have over 12,000 flags and we're inviting businesses and residents to display as many flags as they can on that day," Lockwood said.

The Stevensville Kinettes Club is asking participants to register with the Town of Fort Erie before they put their flags



Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

Martha Lockwood and Linda Houser invite residents to display Canadian flags on their lawns on Canada Day.

up on Canada Day.

"All we need is an address and the number of flags you will be displaying," Lockwood said. "We're asking people to register so we have an accurate count of how

many flags were displayed."

Residents and business owners can register their flags beginning June 1. Registration can be completed online at the Town's website at www.town.forterie.ca/pages/PatrioticFortErie or call 905-871-1600 ext. 6.

"We're doing this because we live in one of the best countries in the world," Lockwood said. "It's time for us to show it."

Who: The Stevensville Kinettes

What: The service organization is challenging Fort Erie residents to display as many flags as possible.

Participants are asked to register their flags by visiting the Town's web site or calling 905-871-1600 ext. 6.

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Six-year-old Chip Williams viewed a 1973 Ford Mustang at the 7th annual Bridgeburg Car Show Saturday.

Bridgeburg Car Show is 'fun for the kids'

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

funds for community projects.

"I like cars. They are cool," Kucman said.

Kucman's mom, Lori, said she was impressed with the car show.

"We came here to check out all the cool cars," Lori Kucman said. "This is our first time and I think it's great. It's in a great location and it's a beautiful day and it's fun for the kids."

Diane Cassata brought her six-year-old grandson to the car show.

"We went to the library, and Chip saw all the cars so we had to stop by," Cassata said. "It (the car show) is very entertaining, this is very exciting for the area."

In addition to the car show, the event featured a variety of food trucks from across Ontario and 20 craft vendors. There are also plenty of activities including a bounce house and face painting to keep the youngsters busy.

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Watching Ruby Throated Hummingbirds visit daily with

warm, sunny days upon us, we noticed a couple of butterflies. That got us reminiscing about how, when we were kids, we used to see dozens of butterflies every day, and now, not so much. What happened? Where did they go? To find out, I spent some time at the Niagara Parks Butterfly Conservatory talking to Curator, Cheryl Tyndall.

The top 3 contributors to the dwindling numbers of butterflies are urban development, the elimination of native plants in parks and along roadsides, as well as the use of pesticides — all of which have resulted in the loss of habitats. Why should we care?

To help you get started, here are some tips and suggestions.

- Choose a spot that gets 5-6 hours of sunshine each day, provides shelter from the wind and somewhere to rest—a fence, wall, shrubs & tress all create a good windbreak and place to perch
- Pick a variety of plants with different heights and bloom times to have plants blooming from spring to fall
- Butterflies will come to many colours of flowers, but certain plants will attract specific types (even herbs will attract them)
- Perennials are better than annuals because many annuals have been highly hybridized so there's not as much nectar
- Go pesticide-free as much as possible
- Place host plants in the back of flower beds which offer safer havens to caterpillars



Butterflies (and bees) are crucial pollinators for fruits, vegetables and grains that we eat every day. They are also an important link in the food web, caterpillars being food for many birds, lizards and insects. What can we do to help? We can help rebuild habitats by planting butterfly gardens. You don't have to have a large garden, even container gardens can work. I learned a lot from Cheryl in the brief time I spent at the Conservatory, so much in fact, that next week we'll explore butterflies common to the Niagara region, and offer more detail how we can help them.

Stay tuned for part 2!



Gabrielle Todd is Vice-Chair of Communities in Bloom

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Barb Hopkins, incoming president of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 230 and Sam Stark, incoming president of Branch 71, invite the community to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion organization.

Royal Canadian Legion set to celebrate 90th anniversary

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Almost 100 years since its formation, the Royal Canadian Legion continues to honour its veterans.

The Royal Canadian Legion, which formed in 1925 to advocate for those who have served, has more than 500,000 members and 1,500 branches in Canada, the U.S., and Europe.

It is the largest service

organization in Ontario, with 370,000 members, 400 branches and 297 ladies auxiliaries.

The organization is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. According to Sam Stark, the newest president of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 in Fort Erie, it's important for members of the community to honour the significant anniversary.

"We want people to keep

in mind the veterans we serve that have served for our country," Stark said.

"We want people to watch out for a number of events this year. We'll hold our usual events this year with an emphasis on our 90th anniversary," added Barb Hopkins, the new president of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 230 in Ridgeway.

Hopkins encourages members of the community

to get involved with the Legion.

"Many people don't realize that they don't have to be a veteran in join," Hopkins said.

Originally, membership was restricted to individuals who served in Canada's Armed Forces and Merchant Navy. But, the Royal Canadian Legion is quickly becoming "a community service organization," Hopkins said.

"We need new members

to participate in legion functions, like the annual poppy campaign (which raises money to support veterans in need)," Stark said.

The Legion also hosts other events such as music nights, dances and fish fries.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 will host a Canada Day barbecue beginning at 1 p.m. at the legion.

Branch 230 in Ridgeway

will host a flag raising ceremony on the same day at the Village Square at noon, followed by a family barbecue at the Legion hall.

Hopkins and Stark both branches will work together to host events over the course of next year-round.

For more information call the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 at 905-871-8682 or Branch 230 at 905-894-5827.

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Niagara Regional Police Deputy Chief Bryan MacCulloch shakes hands with NRP Chief Peter MacKenzie while NRP Chief Jeff McGuire looks on. MacKenzie was honoured with the Chief of Police award for his work with the Niagara Regional Police pipe band and the community. He was one of 110 award recipients Sunday afternoon.

Niagara police honoured for their bravery

Grant Lafleche
Postmedia Network

The man who called 911 was no longer talking to the dispatcher, even though the line was still open.

Niagara Regional Police Const. Jeffrey Cross was the first officer on the scene. He found the man hanging in a basement, attempting to end his own life.

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GO expansion to Stoney Creek good for Niagara, polls say

Rob Houle
Postmedia Network

An announced GO train service extension to Stoney Creek "moves the ball forward" towards Niagara Falls.

The province announced last Tuesday it was spending \$150 million to extend GO train service to Stoney Creek. Of that cash, \$115 million will be needed to upgrade rail lines and \$35 million will be spent on building a station at Centennial Parkway by 2019.

Niagara Region Chair Alan Caslin and Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati see last Tuesday's announcement as a shot in the arm to a push to get daily GO train service extended to the Honeymoon Capital.

"It's a good news story for us," Caslin said. "Not only is it encouraging that the province is bringing the GO train all the way through Hamilton — further than we thought — some of the cost is going to offset what we're trying to do, which is a huge win for us."

The Region's business case for GO extension to Niagara Falls, via the under-construction GO station on James St. N in Hamilton, put the price at between \$130 million and \$150 million.

"We can now knock that down by

about \$40 million, perhaps bringing down the cost of GO trains to Niagara Falls to under \$100 million," Caslin said.

Diodati echoed the regional chair. "This is becoming less and less significant of an expense all the time," Diodati said. "And the upside becomes bigger all the time, so I'm happy about it."

Caslin said the 2019 timeline for the Stoney Creek expansion doesn't necessarily mean Niagara's hopes of getting regular service before then are dead.

"We are already running a GO service to Niagara Falls with the summer train service, so we've already demonstrated that that's possible. We don't need any new stations to be built in order to get the train rolling. The stations are required for GO standards of service, and I definitely understand that, but in order to get the train moving, that's not a requirement for us, so timing should not be a factor." He said he was hopeful of getting regular daily year-round service sometime in 2017.

Diodati said Tuesday's announcement "moves the ball forward and we're going in the right direction on all fronts."

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Discover cool rods and relics at car show

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Car enthusiasts won't want to miss the the 24th annual Rods and Relics Car Show.

"We get a wide variety of cars every year," car show organizer Frank Raso said. "We've got trophies for a whole range of categories. Everything from best pickup truck to best foreign car."

This year, the car show will feature classic vehicles from 1965.

"We will be giving awards for best original 1965 vehicle and best modified 1965 vehicle," Raso said.

The car show will be held Sunday, June 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On the grounds of the Fort Erie Race Track.

Admission for spectators is \$2 per person. Children 12 and under are free. The cost for car show participants is \$10.

In addition to the car show, there will be a colouring contest for youngsters, with prizes awarded for the best art.

Proceeds from the car show will be donated to the Tender Wishes Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides wishes to children suffering from potentially life-threatening illnesses.

"It (the car show) is a lot of



Frank Raso Special to The Times

The 24th annual Rods and Relics Car Show will be held on the grounds of the Fort Erie Race Track on Sunday, June 14 from 9 a.m. To 3 p.m.

fun," Raso said. "You get to catch up with all of your friends. We've got people coming from all over the region and it's a great way for people to socialize." Raso encourages the community to spend Sunday

afternoon at the car show. "There will be lots of stuff happening that day in addition to the car show. It's a race day as well (at the Fort Erie Race Track). There will be a farmers market from noon until the last race, a tilt bar and free enter-

tainment all at the racetrack." For more information about the Rods and Relics Car Show visit www.rodsandrelics.org or call Raso at 905-382-4685. sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca

What: Rods and Relics Car Show. Admission to the show is \$2 per person. Children 12 and under are free. **When:** Sunday, June 14 from 9 a.m. To 3 p.m.

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Harry Rosenthal Special to The Times

Cheers to 50 years

The Italian Canadian Club celebrated its 50th anniversary at its hall on DiPietro Street, Saturday. There were 176 people who attended the celebration. From left is, Armando Nigro, Vito Giampaolo, Mayor Wayne Redekop, Angelo Giampaolo, regional councillor Sandy Annunziata, MP Rob Nicholson, president Vince Cottone, Nino D'Ambr, Al Ianniello and Pat Schiavone.

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Five-year-old Lexi Wilson, of Ridgeway, attended the event and received a glitter tattoo on her arm.



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Ontario passes new marine mammal legislation

John Law
Postmedia Network

It is no longer legal to buy or breed a killer whale in Ontario. Bill 80, which will introduce new legislation for the province's marine mammal industry, received its third and final reading at the Ontario Legislature last Thursday. Among its new

regulations is a ban on the acquisition of orcas, effectively making Marineland's Kiska Ontario's last-ever captive killer whale.

Facilities which owned a killer whale prior to March 22, 2015, are allowed to keep them.

While thrilled with the new legislation, former Marineland trainer Christine Santos

- who is being sued by the park for \$1.25 million - is dismayed Kiska will spend her remaining days in solitude.

"I'm disappointed about Kiska not being part of the bill," she said. "Now I know she'll just die alone. My thoughts are always with her."

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'I'm disappointed about Kiska not being part of the bill'

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Introduced by Community Safety Minister Yasir Naqvi in January, the bill will also establish an animal welfare committee at every facility with marine mammals. A provincial Technical Advisory Committee is also being established to determine new standards to the size of pools for marine mammals, as well as new guidelines for noise, lighting, and interaction among animals.

The committee will have representatives from Marineland, Zoocheck, the Canadian Council on Animal Care and the Ontario

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

When contacted last Thursday, Naqvi said the committee "has been working away," and following public consultations, the new regulations will be finalized by the end of July.

"There will then be a 'transition period' for Marineland to comply, if necessary. 'Some of these will require some capital expenditure,' he said. 'We have to be realistic'."

Longtime Marineland supporter Wayne Thomson, a former mayor and current chairman of Niagara Falls Tourism, is confident the committee will not impose a tank size which makes it

impossible for Marineland to operate. In the UK, standards on marine mammal captivity are so stringent, the country's last dolphinarium closed in 2012.

"My feeling is, there will be some flexibility with respect to this, or there won't be any (marine) parks anywhere in Ontario," said Thomson. "At this point, the experts - as it should be - will sit around the table and come up with some logical decisions."

Thomson stressed Marineland has "no disagreement" with the province introducing new standards of care.

When contacted last Thursday, Marineland sent a statement

re-affirming its support for clear regulations "to ensure the long-term health and care of all marine mammals, including Kiska."

Kiska, who is approximately 40 years old, was captured as a calf near Iceland in 1979. She is cared for by "highly qualified" veterinarians and consultants, and her weight, appetite and teeth are healthy.

"Kiska lives in the largest pool housing a killer whale in the world. All of the water in Kiska's pool is filtered and exchanged every three hours through an advanced computerized water filtration system."

Former Marineland trainer Phil Demers, who first spoke out against the park in 2012, said "key details" are still to come. The new standards of care could force drastic changes on Marineland, or result in no changes at all.

"There are a couple things that concern me about that," he said. "Back in 2012 when this whole thing started and we were screaming and shouting for standards of care, we wanted to do precisely what the UK did."

"I know in the end they'll make a huge announcement, but the devil's in the details."

Demers is being sued by

Marineland for \$1.5 million, one of eight lawsuits the park has filed since Dec. 2012.

Whatever the standards end up being, Demers said he and other activists "are in the history books" for helping make the Bill possible. At the very least, there will be no more captive killer whales in Ontario.

"It validates all of our concerns," he said. "The writing was on the wall a long time ago."

"I don't know what Marineland's going to need to hear to figure out the world just doesn't want this any more, but they keep fighting."

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An ambulance was dispatched and Cross's quick thinking saved that man's life.

It was not the first intervention for a person in distress the NRP responded to last year. Constable Jeffrey Dam was also dispatched to a suicide attempt — a man on a roadside, covered in gasoline and holding a lighter.

Dam was able to talk with the man, calming him and eventually wrapping him in a blanket and driving with him until paramedics arrived.

The stories of two officers saving the lives to people in crisis are dramatic. Cross and Dam were among several officers recognized for their contributions to public safety and the service during the annual NRP awards ceremony at White Oaks resort in Niagara-on-the-lake Sunday afternoon.

Chief Jeff McGuire said the situations Cross and Dam found themselves in happen more often than

the public probably realizes.

"Police, along with fire-fighters and paramedics, are the first responders on the scene and more and more often our men and women are the first people to arrive to assist someone in crisis," McGuire said.

"It happens all the time."

He said the frequency of these sorts of calls have made it necessary for officers to develop a better understanding of mental health issues and how to handle people in distress to

protect the public and themselves.

The recent addition of a mental health nurse joining a St. Catharines officer on patrols downtown, for instance, can further help defuse situations that could otherwise become tragic.

Even as officers need to understand how to cope with these situations, so does their own mental health need tending to.

McGuire said the NRP has its own internal peer support system to help officers who have to step

into such intense and potentially dangerous situations.

In total, 110 awards

were presented to Sunday officers, retirees, civilian staff and members of the community during the

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New Lions in the den

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Tony Vanderklei
Special to The Times

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Bouquet for new neighbours

A bouquet for our new friends and neighbors who welcomed us to Maple Leaf Ave., Ridgeway with open arms! We want to let you know we feel so blessed and grateful to have met you. A huge bouquet of thank yous. We love Ridgeway with all of the activities and fun and laughs. And thank you Meghan for everything you have done to make it happen.

Bouquet for a brother

A bouquet for our baby brother who made a surprise visit from Victoria, B.C. to celebrate our mom's birthday. You made this a very special week for the family. We love you very much. Thanks for being you.

Bouquet for a bike shop

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Bouquet for a good samaritan

A bouquet for the person in Crescent Park, who found a handmade baby hat that had been lost while out for a walk, and took the time to put it on a For Sale sign. A family member saw it, recognized it and returned it. Thanks so much!

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The Fort Erie Cannons were defeated by the Niagara Falls Expos last Wednesday but went on to defeat the St. Catharines Cobras.



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Cannons celebrate 'much needed' win

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Cannons celebrated their first victory Saturday when they defeated the St. Catharines Cobras 9-4.

"Geordan Dennahower picked up the win, while Pat Giampaolo threw three innings of solid relief, and Ryan Soltz got the save," coach Justin Hall said.

After defeating the Cobras, the Cannons stand 1-4 in the Niagara District Senior Men's Baseball regular baseball season.

"There was a scary moment, when Giampaolo, while pitching, took a line drive to the groin but he still managed to get the out."

Hall said Kris Hodge took over the game "in the mid-innings and shut down a Cobras' comeback."

"It was a solid team effort. The veteran guys stepped up and earned a much needed win."

Last Wednesday, the Cannons lost to the visiting Niagara Falls Expos 19-7.

"It was a tie game in the fourth inning, but our pitch-

ing fell apart," Hall said.

Josh Connor, Royce Goeder and Adam Fowler picked up points for the Cannons.

"We've had a very tough start to the season schedule-wise. We played the top three teams of last year."

The Cannons lost their home opener 3-0 to Niagara Falls and continued their four-game losing streak when they went on to play the Rose City Thorns and the Welland Chiefs.

Last Wednesday's loss at Oakes Park was "a combination of (the team's) young pitchers."

"We had a bunch of first-year pitchers that were out there. We have six new players and we're doing a test run to see what kind of players we've picked up," Hall said.

"This year really is a rebuilding year for us and we're seeing what we have talent-wise."

Hall said he expects veteran players will return to the team in the next few weeks.

"Some of our veterans haven't been able to play so far this season. A bunch of our players are shift workers,

there were a couple guys who are getting married and a couple of our starting pitchers were hurt."

Hall isn't worried about losing four straight games early in the season.

"What we need to do right now is focus on building chemistry. A lot of the guys don't know each other's names yet. It's too early in the season. We're not too worried about it."

The Cannons returned to the baseball diamond Tuesday when they played the Thorold Fantoms at McMillan Park. Results were not available before press time. Visit www.forterietimes.ca.

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**Lost 19-7 to
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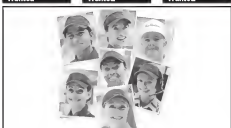
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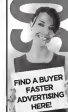
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DUNSEITH, Herbert Stanley - (May 25th, 1940 - May 31st, 2015). It is with heavy hearts we announce that Herb lost his courageous battle with ALS surrounded by his loving family at Douglas Memorial Hospital on Sunday May 31st, 2015. He leaves behind his loving wife and best friend of 53 years Sandra, his sons, Larry and his children Jesse, Josh (Amber) and Tabetha, David & Heather and their children Dustin (Sasha) and Ashley (Kevin) (Aly) and Brittany. He leaves behind two great-grandchildren Zoey and Wyatt. Survived by his siblings Beverly MacWhirter, Richard Dunseith, Irene Sumbler (Roy) and John (Patie) Dunseith and his sister-in-law Betty Dunseith. Predeceased by his sister May Turcotte and his brother Garnet Dunseith. He also leaves behind his in-laws Bruce Ward (Linda), Robert Ward, Linda Mae Ward and Paul Ward (Linda) and many nieces and nephews and his faithful companion Molly. A special thank you to CCAC nurses Pat and Alex and Dr. Scher for their compassionate care. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES**, 722 Ridge Rd. Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Wednesday June 3rd with a Celebration of Life on Thursday June 4th, at 11 am in the Williams Chapel. In lieu of flowers donations to ALS Canada would be appreciated.

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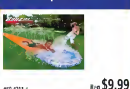
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